



Carlsbad Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

CRIME/INCIDENT: Minor Decoy Operation

CASE: 12-01334
12-01331

DATE:	March 2, 2012	TIME:	11:00 PM
LOCATION:	City of Carlsbad		
SUSPECT 1:	Candice Berkley	AGE:	24
SUSPECT 2:	Michael Gaynor	AGE:	46
VICTIM 1:		AGE:	
VICTIM 2:		AGE:	

SUMMARY:

Officers from the Carlsbad Police Department and Investigators from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) arrested two suspects at two ABC licensed premises on March 2, 2012 during an operation in Carlsbad. The arrests stemmed from a minor decoy operation in which minors, under the direct supervision of Carlsbad Police officers and ABC investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 7 retail licensees in the city of Carlsbad.

Those who sold to the minor(s) face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage licenses of those businesses that sold alcohol to minors. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

The Carlsbad Police Department received a grant from the ABC and will continue to conduct Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap investigations in the future.

The Carlsbad Police Department is conducting the compliance checks to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

Minor Decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980's.

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